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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Takeshi Nogami : Confirmation No.: 7243  
Serial No.: 09/579,340 : Art Unit: 2814  
Filed: 5/25/2000 : Examiner: Vikki H. Trinh  
For: INTEGRATED CIRCUIT :  
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ASPECT RATIO VIAS

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted with a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) Request and in response to the Advisory Action dated March 25, 2002, and final Office Action dated January 11, 2002, following the procedures set forth in 37 CFR §1.121. The Amendment portion begins on page 2 and consists of clean, amended replacements for claims 1 and 11. Remarks begin on a separate page and are followed by a marked up version of the amended parts.

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